

**Subject:** RE: Request from Little Tokyo  
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Ms. Endo,

Thank you for your note. We are working closely with Metro and with Borja Leon of Mayor Garcetti's office on the environmental process for the West Santa Ana Branch. I have copied the project manager, Fanny Pan, with your request.

I would suggest that rather than work with our Eco-Rapid Transit Board of Directors at this time, that we work together with our staff and Metro staff to arrange a working session so you and others in Little Tokyo can see the project options. Please expect a call from the Metro Consultants working with us.

If you have any questions, please let us know. Thank you for your continued interest and support. We look forward to working with you.

Michael R. Kodama, Executive Director

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Mike,

The Little Tokyo Business Association and Little Tokyo Business Improvement District greatly appreciate your efforts to keep us informed of the Eco-Rapid Transit plan progress. In the spirit of continued mutual cooperation, I am requesting a meeting with the Eco-Rapid Transit Board of Directors on behalf of LTBA and the LTBD. Our primary objective is to ensure that Little Tokyo is included in the planning process and that the Board's sought-for benefits of linking development and transportation from Burbank Airport to Downtown Los Angeles to Artesia are achieved.

Our intention is to work in support of and in collaboration with the Eco-Rapid Transit Board toward securing a commitment for an ERT stop in Little Tokyo. We are proposing First and Alameda Streets as the stop location. Situated a short walking distance from the Metro Regional Connector, the site can potentially maximize access and offers a wider range of transportation options within the Downtown L.A. area for Eco-Rapid commuters.

We are encouraged by the fact that Mayor Garcetti has at last come to the table to join your esteemed group of mayors and council members from cities to the north and southeast in Los Angeles County. However, we also want to help ensure that Eco-Rapid Transit becomes a fully integrated component of the state's transportation future.

We look forward to continuing to work to achieve our shared goals. Please advise me of a convenient time and day for a meeting with your board. I can arrange a venue in Little Tokyo if you wish.

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